Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—We are just enquiring into the question. The Tahsildars of Trichur, Mukundapuram and Cochin Kanayannur are investigating the extent of damage done to crops in their jurisdiction.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— വെള്ളപ്പൊക്കക്കാലത്തു് കൃഷിയ്ക്കു സാരമായ ദോഷം സംഭവിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ ദിവാൻപേഷ്ക്കാരവർകൾ സഞ്ചരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I have tried as far as possible to inspect all the localities and to the best of my recollection, I have not left any spot uninspected.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ആ നിലയിൽ സ്വന്തം അനുഭവപ്പെട്ട സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ അധികം ദോഷമുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ ഏതാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It would be hazardous for me to make a statement now. At the time of my inspection, the crops were under water. The exact damage can be known only after the water has gone down. The inquiry is being conducted by my Tahsildars.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—How long is it since the petitions were received?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Even while the flood was there petitions were received. The report as to the number of houses destroyed, the number of lives lost are ready but the question depends upon the inspection of crops and it will be expedited.

Damage to crops—failure of monsoon—Kozhinjampara Firkah.

111. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**——Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received any petition from the land holders and agriculturists of Kozhinjampara Firkah informing them of the loss of crops owing to the failure of monsoon in the last agricultural year;

(2) if so, have they made a thorough enquiry;

(3) how many acres of paddy fields and parambas suffered for want of rain;

(4) will they be pleased to place the report of the Tahsildar on the table;

(5) how many pattadars were enquired and what were the reports of the Revenue Inspector and the Proverthy Officials;

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(6) do the Government know that cultivation has not yet begun (27—9—11) this year in places where there are no irrigation;

(7) was there not a general failure in the non-irrigated areas in the Chittur Taluk;

(8) is there not a rule that the local officers should report *ab initio* every year the state of crops;

(9) if so, what was the report obtained from the Tahsildar of Chittur regarding the state of lands with no irrigation;

(10) do the Government know that the agriculturists of these places did not get enough to pay the Sirkar dues;

(11) how many acres were lying fallow owing to want of water;

(12) how many tenants have to give up cultivation for having nothing to carry on their profession?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) The exact meaning intended for the word 'suffered' is not clear. There was partial failure of second crop in 17·42 acres of nilam, and failure of 2nd crop in 278·50 acres of nilams. Regarding parambas there has been no failure of cultivation beyond a little diminution in the acreage out-turn.

(4) Government do not think that any special purpose will be served by placing the report on the table.

(5) Enquiries were made by personal inspection of the field affected and not of the pattadars. The village officers and the Revenue Inspector did not make any special report other than preparing the extents of area of failure of crops on nilams and the general condition of paramba cultivation.

(6) Cultivation was begun before 27—9—11 after the heavy rains between the 4th and 19th Meenam 1111.

(7) No.

(8) No, beyond a weekly season report.

(9) No answer is required in view of the answer to sub-division (8).

(10) No.

(11) No information is available.

(12) Government have no information.

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon.— Had not the Tahsildar also reported that the parambas also had suffered?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The Tahsildar's report was that the out-turn of the parambas was something less than the usual.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—How was it possible to cultivate before the 19th Meenom in places where there was no irrigation?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Because the rains came on the 4th and cultivation began; that is the report.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—That is not true. Did not the Government inquire after this question had been received as to how many acres were lying fallow in those parts?

Mr. K. Achyuta Monon.—Do you want a special investigation by me now of all the acres lying fallow now? I may state also for the information of the House that we do not give remission because the land was lying fallow and because it was not cultivated. No remission is given in the case of lands kept fallow.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The answer is based on the report that there were rains between the 4th and the 19th. Is it not a fact to be enquired into?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There were rains between 4th and 19th.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Land were lying fallow in 1110 and the rain was in 1111.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Lands lying without cultivation either on account of the inability of the ryots to cultivate or on account of the paucity of rains or such other cases resulting in widespread calamity justifying the making of a recommendation, I will do it. The report received so far does not justify my making any recommendation. I have given the figures here of lands in which cultivation has suffered to some extent.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What do the petitions show?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The petitions contain the usual allegations.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim— Will the Hon'ble Member kindly tell us whether any attempt has been made to collect the information?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The Government do not think it necessary to go into an inquiry in each case. This being a matter of opinion I did not conduct an enquiry.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—But the question is ours.

Mr. President.—The answer is his.

Cocoanut Growers' Association—particulars regarding.

112. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) (a) whether there is an association called 'Cocoanut Growers' Association' in the State;

(b) when was it formed;

(c) who are the present office-bearers of the Association;

(d) is it a registered body;

(e) how many villages are represented in it;

(2) (a) has the Association submitted a memorial to levy a cess on cocoanut gardens;

(b) what are the contents of the memorial;

(3) has any action been taken on it; if not, will the Government kindly invite public criticism on it before passing final orders on it?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(1) (a) Yes.

(b) In the year 1934.

(c) *President.*—Mr. M. P. Antony, Retired Deputy Superintendent of Sea Customs, Narakkal.

Secretary.—Mr. Paul Mampilly.

Treasurer.—Mr. M. P. Joseph, President, Narakkal—Nayarambalam Panchyat.

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(d) It is not a registered body.

(e) Two villages. Narakkal and Nayarambalam.

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